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Honorable Frank W. Burke  
representative in Congress  
500 Columbia Building  
401 West Main Street  
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Burke:

Mr. McCone has asked me to acknowledge and thank you very much for your letter of 26 November concerning the invitation that he received from Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alfred F. Horrigan, President of Bellarmine College, Louisville, Kentucky.

As we wrote Monsignor Horrigan, Mr. McCone regrets that he will be unable to deliver the address and receive the Bellarmine Medal for 1962, as he is following a firm policy of not making any public appearances for some time to come. However, he wanted you to know how much he appreciated your thoughtfulness in writing to him as you did about this.

Very truly,

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Assistant to the Director

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alfred F. Horrigan  
Bellarmine College  
2000 Morris Place  
Louisville 5, Kentucky

Dear Monsignor Horrigan:

Mr. McCone has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 17 November inviting him to deliver an address on 13 May and also to receive the Bellarmine Medal for 1962.

Much as Mr. McCone is honored by your invitation, he very much regrets that he will be unable to make the talk and receive the award. He is following a firm policy of not making any public appearances for some time to come. However, he wanted you to know that he appreciates your thoughtfulness in asking him to come to Louisville on this particular occasion.

Sincerely,

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Assistant to the Director

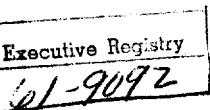
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## BELLARMINE COLLEGE

2000 NORRIS PLACE

LOUISVILLE 5, KENTUCKY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 17, 1961

The Honorable John A. McCone  
 Director  
 Central Intelligence Agency  
 2430 E Street  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

The invitation which this letter contains I had hoped to present to you in person. This was the purpose of my letter to you of early last month and the request for an appointment around the 26th of October. Circumstances of your schedule which I well understand, of course, made this appointment impossible to arrange. Accordingly, I am presuming to use this written presentation as a substitute.

In the name of His Excellency the Most Reverend John A. Floersch, Archbishop of Louisville and Chancellor of Bellarmine College, and in the name of the Board of Overseers and faculty of the college, I wish to extend to you an invitation to be the recipient of The Bellarmine Medal for 1962. May I offer the following explanation of the background and significance of this award.

Bellarmine College is a liberal arts college for men established by the Archdiocese of Louisville in 1950. Its present enrollment is around two thousand students in day and evening divisions. In 1955 the college established an annual award to be known as The Bellarmine Medal for the purpose of paying recognition to a special type of achievement in the intellectual and public life of our times.

Robert Bellarmine, for whom our college is named, lived in the sixteenth century, an age when intemperate controversy was the order of the day. By way of contrast, Bellarmine, in all his work and writings, was notable always for his calmness and courtesy, and for the practice of Christian justice and charity.

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It was and is our thought that a new emphasis on these particular characteristics of our patron is urgently needed today, when there are so many sharp controversies and conflicts to be resolved. Accordingly, The Bellarmine Medal is awarded each year to a person "who, on the national or international scene, exemplifies in a notable manner the virtues of charity, justice, and temperateness in dealing with difficult and controversial problems." Since its establishment, The Bellarmine Medal has been awarded to the following distinguished recipients:

1955 - Jefferson Caffery	1959 - Robert D. Murphy
1956 - Carlos P. Romulo	1960 - James P. Mitchell
1957 - John W. McCormack	1961 - Frederick H. Boland
1958 - Frank M. Folsom	

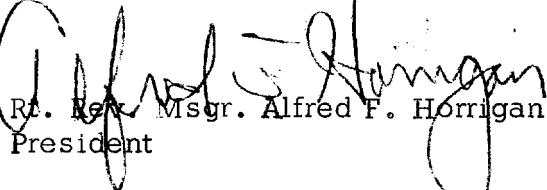
In nominating you as the recipient of The Bellarmine Medal for 1962 our Board of Overseers believes that your career admirably illustrates the qualities of mind and spirit which The Bellarmine Medal was established to identify and applaud. The Board finds in your career, both in private industry and Government service, outstanding achievement to which it would welcome the opportunity to pay public tribute.

Each year The Bellarmine Medal is presented at a public civic banquet here in Louisville attended by officials of the state and city government, college and university representatives, and civic and business leaders. The medalist is asked to deliver the principal address for the occasion. We endeavor to schedule the event as close as possible to May 13, the annual feastday of St. Robert Bellarmine.

In summary, then, may I respectfully request you to accept our invitation to be named The Bellarmine Medalist for 1962 and to come to Louisville on Sunday, May 13, or on the nearest convenient date, to receive the award? Your acceptance of our invitation will be a source of gratification to all members of the Bellarmine College community and to your many admirers in this area who have followed your career with great interest.

May I also take this occasion to ask God's blessing upon the important and demanding responsibilities which you have recently assumed in the service of our country.

Very sincerely,

  
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alfred F. Horrigan  
President